



Colchester Public Schools

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LAST DAY FOR FREE MEALS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2022

PAID MEALS START THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2022

In the State of Connecticut, the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds was enacted allowing all students to temporary free breakfast and lunch meals regardless of family income. Colchester's allocation will provide funding for free meals through November 30, 2022. On December 1, 2022 the district will revert to charging for meals.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEAL PRICES

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
COLCHESTER ELEMENTARY	\$1.80	\$3.00
JACK JACKTER INTERMEDIATE	\$1.80	\$3.00
WILLIAM J JOHNSTON MIDDLE	\$1.80	\$3.00
BACON ACADEMY	\$2.15	\$3.30/\$3.75
REDUCED MEALS	30 CENTS	40 CENTS
MILK PURCHASED SEPARATELY	65 CENTS	65 CENTS

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

We encourage families, who have not done so already, **to complete and submit a confidential Free/Reduced-Price Meal Application.**

If you have not received a letter from our Food Service Department informing you of direct certification eligibility for free/reduced meals or eligibility through a free/reduced application submitted, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FREE/REDUCED APPLICATION FOR PROCESSING.

Parents/Guardians can submit this application to Leanne Ranheim, in person located at Jack Jacket Intermediate School, by email at lrnheim@colchesterct.org or USPS mail to Jack Jacket Intermediate School, ATTN: Leanne Ranheim, 215 Halls Hill Road, Colchester, CT 06415. The application is available online in the Food Service portion of our website, also hard copy in the main office of each school. The application includes detailed instructions on how to complete and submit the application. Applications can be submitted at any point in the school year as household income may change during the year. Additional information and the application can be found by visiting colchesterct.org. Please reach out to Leanne Ranheim, Food Service Specialist at 860-537-9421 ext 381 or email lrnheim@colchesterct.org with any questions.

How to make a payment into your child's account: THERE ARE 3 WAYS -

Cash: Please send in the amount to be placed on account.

Check: made out to Colchester Public Schools Food Service, please include your child's name in the memo section of the check.

Online payment: Credit card payments are accepted through MyPaymentsPlus.com Please note there is a transaction fee charged, which is explained on the website.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

All students have a 5 digit student ID#, this is the same number to access their meal account to purchase meals, snacks and a la carte items. For students K-8, snack/milk can be purchased with cash. If you choose to allow your child(ren) to purchase snack/milk through their meal account, (again K-8), please email the cafeteria manager at the school your child(ren) attends – which can be found on the menu posted on our website colchesterct.org. If notification isn't received from a parent/guardian to purchase snack/milk through a meal account (K-8), students are expected to pay for snack items at the time of purchase. Charging the purchase of a snack/milk/2nd meal will not be allowed.

Charging Policy: Charging is not encouraged by the Board, but on those occasions that a student does not have lunch money, s/he will be permitted to charge a reimbursable meal but is expected to be paid for the next day. Please refer to our charging policy found at colchesterct.org, policy #s 3542.04 and 3542.04R.

Our Point of Sale program works directly with MyPaymentsPlus to provide detailed information about your child(ren)'s account, so you can view it FREE anytime! We strongly recommend that all parents sign into MyPaymentsPlus.com to view your child's account information.

You can log onto mypaymentsplus.com to monitor your child(ren)'s meal account:

- Check your child's spending habits
- View online account statement & make payments
- Set up automatic payments based on account balance

PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR FOODSERVICE SUPERVISOR WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS – 860-537-9421 ext 381 or email Iranheim@colchesterct.org